

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report for filing in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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